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Petersburg, Virginia,
Nov. 14th 1864,

My Dear Brother;

Yours of the 31st ult. per Frank Smith reached me yesterday. I was very glad to hear that your health had improved, and also that you had arrived near home, but I am sorry that you have received no letter from me, for I have written several times, but I suppose that you got one from me, the day after you wrote, as Father writes me that he found one for you in Mobile. I wrote to Father in reference to getting you a position in the Virginia Military Institute, but fear that he did not get the letter in time to see Mr. Watson, who could probably have used his influence in getting you the place, I will go to Richmond, tomorrow next week and if I can secure the place for you, I will telegraph on to you, so you can come on immediately, that is if Father concludes to let you come, The session opens on 1st December, and you had better be there as soon thereafter as possible, so as not to let the class get ahead of you.

Our whole Division has moved into winter quarters now, and are fixed up, quite well now, and if the Yanks will keep quiet we can do quite well now, until the Spring campaign opens. The General has his Head Quarters in a house, and I have a nice room all to

myself, you can imagine therefore that I am very comfortable. The city is beginning to be quite gay now, many of the young ladies who left on account of the shells, have returned now that the shelling has ceased, I have formed a good many acquaintances among the fair sex, though I have not fallen desperately in love with any of them as yet, but there is no telling what I may do, if I remain here all winter, maybe I will have a sister for you. How do you like the idea?

I send this letter by Dr. Sharp Assistant Surgeon of the 19th Wis. Regt. who was wounded some two weeks since and is now on his way home in Marshall Co. he will go to Hillsboro, and I write to Mother by him. Do you know where Kinloch Falconer is? I heard of his being wounded but don't know where he was sent to, and would like very much to know. I have received the coffee sent by Mr. Watson, the other things he has in Richmond for me. Love to all friends.

Your affectionate Bro
W. C. Nelson